

Appl. No. 10/659,799
Response to Office Action 11/01/2005
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REMARKS

This paper is in response to the Office Action mailed on November 1, 2005. In the Office Action, claims 10-62 were made subject to a genus-species restriction requirement.

Reexamination and reconsideration of this case is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

No claim has been cancelled or added by this response. Claims 1-62 remain pending with claims 1-10 withdrawn. Claims 10, 15, 17-21, 29, and 61 have been amended. Of those pending, claims 1, 10, 15, 20, 29-30, 39-41, 43, 50, and 53 are independent claims.

Applicant believes that no new matter has been added by this response.

I) RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In section 1 of the Office Action, claims 10-62 were made subject to a genus-species restriction requirement under 35 USC 121 into the following species of claims:

Species 1: claims 10-14, a system for forming a pattern on a surface of a film;

Species 2: claims 15-29, a system for forming an extruded liquefied material; and

Species 3: claims 30-62, a system for forming a corner cube pattern.

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In response to the restriction requirement, Applicant hereby provisionally elects species 3, claims 30-62 and respectfully traverses.

Applicant has amended independent claims 10, 15, 20, and 29 to recite a "corner cube pattern". Dependent claims 17-21 have been amended accordingly. Applicant respectfully submits that as the amendments to these claims were made prior to substantive examination, they were not made for reasons related to patentability.

With the Species 1 and Species 2 claims now reciting a "corner cube pattern" along with Species 3, Applicant respectfully submits that the genus-species restriction requirement of the three species is no longer warranted.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the restriction requirement.

II) OTHER CLAIM AMENDMENT

Applicant has amended claim 61 to correct a misspelling. This amendment is not made for reasons related to patentability.

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CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, reconsideration of the restriction requirement is respectfully requested and a first substantive examination of the pending claims is solicited.

The Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's undersigned counsel by telephone at (714) 557-3800 to expedite the prosecution of this case should there be any unresolved matters remaining.

To the extent necessary, a petition is hereby made, including any needed petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136.

Please charge any shortage in fees in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 02-2666 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,
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